

REMARKS

This Reply to Office Action is responsive to the Office Action mailed on January 6, 2006. Claims 1-24 are pending in the present application. Applicants have amended claims 1, 11, 21 and 23-24, and canceled claim 20. Claims 1-19 and 21-24 are now at issue.

With this Reply, Applicants submit a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, making Applicants' Reply due on or before July 6, 2006. Accordingly, Applicants' Reply is timely filed.

The Examiner rejected claims 21 and 24 under § 112 because the Examiner contends that there is no antecedent basis for "the proximate portion" in line five of each claim. Applicants have amended claims 21 and 24 to recite "the linear portion", instead of "the proximate portion". Applicants submit that there is antecedent basis in each of claims 21 and 24 for "the linear portion." Accordingly, Applicants submit that the Examiner's claim rejections are now moot.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 under § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Ehrenfels* (U.S. 5,239,129). The Examiner also rejected claims 1 and 3 under § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Thiede, et al.* (U.S. 3,006,498). The Examiner further rejected claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 14, 17, 19, 20 and 23 under § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Hansson* (U.S. 5,568,362). The Examiner also rejected claims 5 and 15 under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hansson* in view of *Nelson, et al.* (U.S. 6,061,966). The Examiner further rejected claims 8, 10, 16, 18 and 22 under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hansson* in view of *English, et al.* (U.S. 6,067,233). The Examiner also rejected claim 12

under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hansson* in view of *Ehrenfels*. The Examiner further rejected claim 13 under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hansson* in view of *Thiede, et al.* The Examiner also rejected claims 21 and 24 under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hansson* in view of *Ericksen* (U.S. 3,659,319). Applicants submit that claims 1-19 and 21-24, as amended, are patentable over the cited prior art, taken alone or in combination.

Independent claim 1, as amended, requires a wall mount cabinet 22 comprising a rear section 36 having a top side 42 and a bottom side 44. The rear section 36 includes a cutout area 66 at one end of the top side 42, and the cutout area 66 allows access for cables 28 to enter the cabinet 22. The cabinet 22 also includes a front section 34 hingedly connected to the rear section 36 at a pivot point 38 (see Fig. 9) adjacent the cutout area 66 at the end of the top side 42 of the rear section 36. The cutout area 66 allows the cables 28 to rotate about the pivot point 38 when the cabinet 22 is moved from a closed position to an open position (see Fig. 11).

As described in specification paragraph [0032], and as shown in Figs. 5 and 10, rear section 36 has a cutout area 66 at one end of top side 42 adjacent right side 48. When cabinet 22 is in a closed position, cutout area 66 is vertically aligned with hinged duct 26, as best seen in Fig. 12, to allow cables 28 to pass vertically therethrough into cabinet 22. Cutout area 66 allows cables 28 to be installed without having to thread cables 28 through an opening or a knockout. As best seen in Figs. 9 and 11, pivot point 38 is located adjacent cutout area 66. The proximity of pivot point 38 to cutout area 66 minimizes movement of cables 28 when cabinet 22 is moved from the closed position to the open

position, as cables 28 rotate about pivot point 38. As shown in Fig. 13, when cabinet 22 is moved from the closed position to the open position, cables 28 are displaced within hinged duct 26 as cables 28 rotate about pivot point 38.

Ehrenfels does not disclose, teach or suggest a wall mount cabinet. In fact, *Ehrenfels* discloses a housing for switched electrical receptacle. Moreover, *Ehrenfels* does not disclose, teach or suggest a rear section including a cutout area at one end of the top side. *Ehrenfels* discloses top end wall 35 having a circular opening 39 positioned near the center of end wall 35. Further, *Ehrenfels* does not disclose, teach or suggest a front section hingedly connected to the rear section at a pivot point adjacent the cutout area at the end of the top side of the rear section. *Ehrenfels* discloses a lid 30 connected to the midsection of cover 17 via hinge structure 32. Thus, circular opening 39 does not allow conduit 65 to rotate about hinge structure 32 when the switched receptacle device moves from a closed position to a open position. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 1, as amended, is patentable over *Ehrenfels*. Claims 2-10 are asserted to be allowable based on their dependency from allowable claim 1.

Thiede does not disclose, teach or suggest a wall mount cabinet. In fact, *Thiede* discloses an air-conditioner cover, which Applicants submit has no relevance to a wall mount cabinet. Moreover, *Thiede* does not disclose, teach or suggest a rear section including a cutout area at one end of the top side, wherein the cutout area allows access for cables to enter the cabinet. *Thiede* does not contemplate cables entering or exiting the air-conditioner cover. Also, *Thiede* does not disclose, teach or suggest a front section hingedly connected to the rear section at a pivot point adjacent the cutout area at the end

of the top side of the rear section. Further, *Thiede* does not disclose, teach or suggest a cutout area that allows cables to rotate about a pivot point when a cabinet is moved from a closed position to an open position. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 1, as amended, is patentable over *Thiede*. Claims 2-10 are asserted to be allowable based on their dependency from allowable claim 1.

Hansson does not disclose, teach or suggest a rear section including a cutout area at one end of the top side. In fact, *Hansson* discloses openings 20 positioned along the middle of the lower edge 22 of door 13. Moreover, *Hansson* does not disclose, teach or suggest a front section hingedly connected to the rear section at a pivot point adjacent the cutout area at the end of the top side of the rear section. As stated above, *Hansson* discloses openings 20 positioned along the lower edge 22 of door 13. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 1, as amended, is patentable over *Hansson*. Claims 2-10 are asserted to be allowable based on their dependency from allowable claim 1.

Independent claim 11, as amended, requires a wall mount cabinet 22 comprising a rear section 36 having a top side 42 and a bottom side 44. The rear section 36 includes a cutout area 66 at one end of the top side 42. The cabinet 22 also includes a front section 34 hingedly connected to the rear section 36, with the front section 34 having a cable management ring 112 secured thereon. When the cabinet 22 is in a closed position, the cable management ring 112 is vertically aligned with the cutout area 66.

Hansson does not disclose, teach or suggest a rear section including a cutout area at one end of the top side. As discussed above, *Hansson* discloses openings 20 positioned along the middle of the lower edge 22 of door 13. Moreover, *Hansson* does not


disclose, teach or suggest a front section having a cable management ring secured thereon. The Examiner contends that *Hansson* discloses a front section having a cable management ring (A) secured thereon. However, *Hansson* only discloses a tie bracket 23 mounted inside the central casing 10, which Applicants submit is not a cable management ring. Further, when the cabinet is in a closed position, tie bracket 23 is not vertically aligned with a cutout area positioned at one end of the top side of the rear section. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 11, as amended, is patentable over *Hansson*. Claim 23 has been amended to depend directly from claim 11. Claims 12-19 and 21-24 are asserted to be allowable based on their dependency from allowable claim 11.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that claims 1-19 and 21-24 are allowable, and favorable reconsideration is requested.

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